

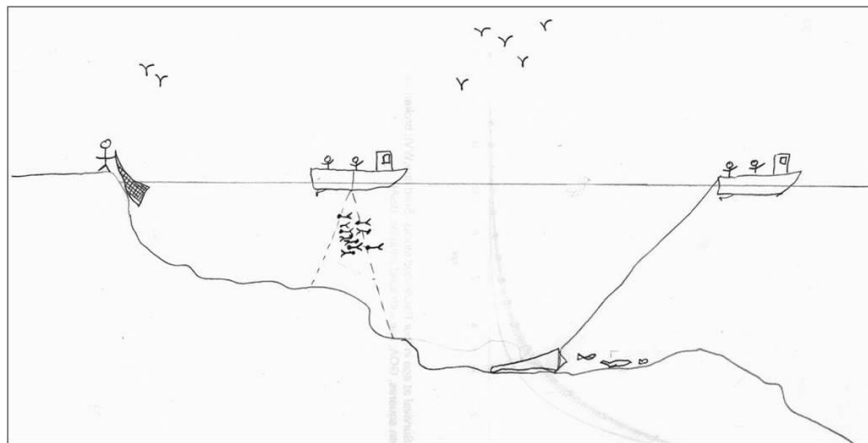


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## **An Update on Research Activities within GOA-IERP**



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Over 40 scientists are currently working on the large-scale interdisciplinary marine ecosystem study known as the Gulf of Alaska Integrated Ecosystem Research Program (GOA-IERP). The goal of this study is to use coordinated investigations at multiple levels (field work, laboratory analyses, and modeling) to better understand the dynamics of the GOA ecosystem and the forces that influence the survival of juvenile fishes. The project duration is 2010-2015, with the major field activities occurring in 2011 and 2013. These activities include seasonal fish and oceanography surveys (spring, summer, fall) in the eastern and western GOA. The surveys comprise a grid of offshore stations and smaller-scale research at eleven inshore sites. Biologists from RACE and REFM are well-represented in the GOA-IERP, and I will focus on their work while providing an overview and update regarding the project.